

## **Transportation Funding Task Force (TF2)**

May 19, 2008

Livonia

### **Draft Meeting Minutes**

Start Time: 9:09 am

Members Present: Cindy Elliott, Dennis Gillow, John James, Ann Jousma-Miller, Mike Nystrom, Roger Salo, Rich Studley, Peter Varga, Sen. Glenn Anderson, Sen. Jud Gilbert, Rep. Pam Byrnes, Rep. Phil LaJoy

Minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda was approved unanimously.

Public comment (remarks from all public comment sessions reported here):

- 1) Sandra Carroll, Families Near I-275. Consider road noise.
- 2) Gretchen Driskell, Mayor of Saline: Michigan's transportation future needs to include more than highways.
- 3) Jack Kirsey, Mayor of Livonia: Welcomed the Transportation Funding Task Force.
- 3) Megan Owens: Transportation Riders United. Need to embrace alternative modes of travel. Consider support for a gas tax increase with 25-30% directed toward improved transit.
- 4) Todd Scott: Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance. Consider support for trailways.

Report from CAC:

Four of the technical subcommittees (Highways, Roads, and Bridges; Intermodal Passenger, Intermodal Freight, and Aviation) have met at least twice since the last TF2 meeting. Meeting dates are posted on the website. Technical Subcommittees are on track to enable the CAC to deliver its report in July.

Report from Michigan Laborers' District Council:

Jonathan Byrd, Legislative Representative, provided information on the economic importance of transportation to Michigan.

Report from Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG):

Carmine Palombo, Director, Transportation Programs, provided transportation trend information for the SEMCOG area and recommendations for consideration.

Report from the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission

Frank Busalacchi, Commissioner and Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, provided information on recommendations made by the commission, then answered questions.

Report on Current Events:

Tim Hoeffner, Policy Administrator, provided information on proposed legislative actions at the state and federal level that could impact transportation funding in the near term.

Report on Trends Impacting Transportation Revenue:

Susan Mortel, Director of MDOT's Bureau of Transportation Planning, provided information on trends impacting transportation revenue (demographic, economic, travel, system performance, global climate change, revenue and costs).

*Follow up:*

- Provide additional information about the FHWA state by state freight forecast
- Look for information on tourism from other states and Canada
- Provide information comparing the windfall from sales tax on gasoline to the reduction of gas tax revenue due to rising prices.
- Compare TTI congestion ratings for Detroit and Grand Rapids with a similar assessment done by Forbes.
- Compare gas tax buying power with increasing cost of components of construction.
- Quantify savings from efficiencies taken over the past few years.

Communication to the CAC:

There were no communications from TF2 to the CAC

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.